

# MOTORISTS OF D. C. WILLING TO SERVE

## Will Join A. A. A. Advisory Board, Head of Body Is Told.

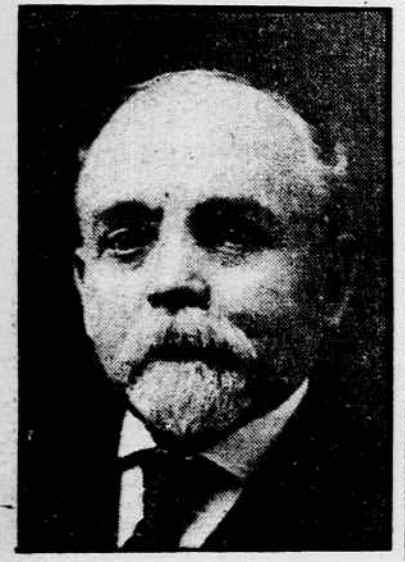
### GROWTH OF ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION

Local Autoists Will Be Asked to Help Look After Matter Before Congress.

A number of prominent Washingtonians, all ardent motorists and representing widely different phases of human activity, have signified their willingness to act as members of the A. A. A. District of Columbia club's advisory board. The formation of the board had the personal attention of President John A. Wilson of the American Automobile Association, according to information given out in the A. A. A. national headquarters in the Riggs building last night.

The personnel of the board is as follows: Judge Martin A. Knapp, president; Gilbert H. Grosvenor, J. Harry Cunningham, Admiral J. D. Adams, U. S. N.; Rev. John Van Schaack, Jr., Fred S. Hardesty, Joseph M. Stoddard, John O. La. Corve, Dr. C. Hart Merriam, A. G. Butcher and William Ullman, secretary.

Organized a little over a year ago by the American Automobile Association, which has one of its national headquarters in Washington, the District club



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serves as a means of securing road improvement in this vicinity and as a source of touring information for Washington motorists. The club has grown to such proportions and received such splendid support from the National Capital's leading citizens that President Wilson deemed it advisable to appoint an advisory board to represent the club in local legislative matters.

**Has Long Sought Committee.**  
The naming of a committee to represent the club when the inevitable readjustment of local traffic regulations comes up for discussion has long been sought by the club's members.

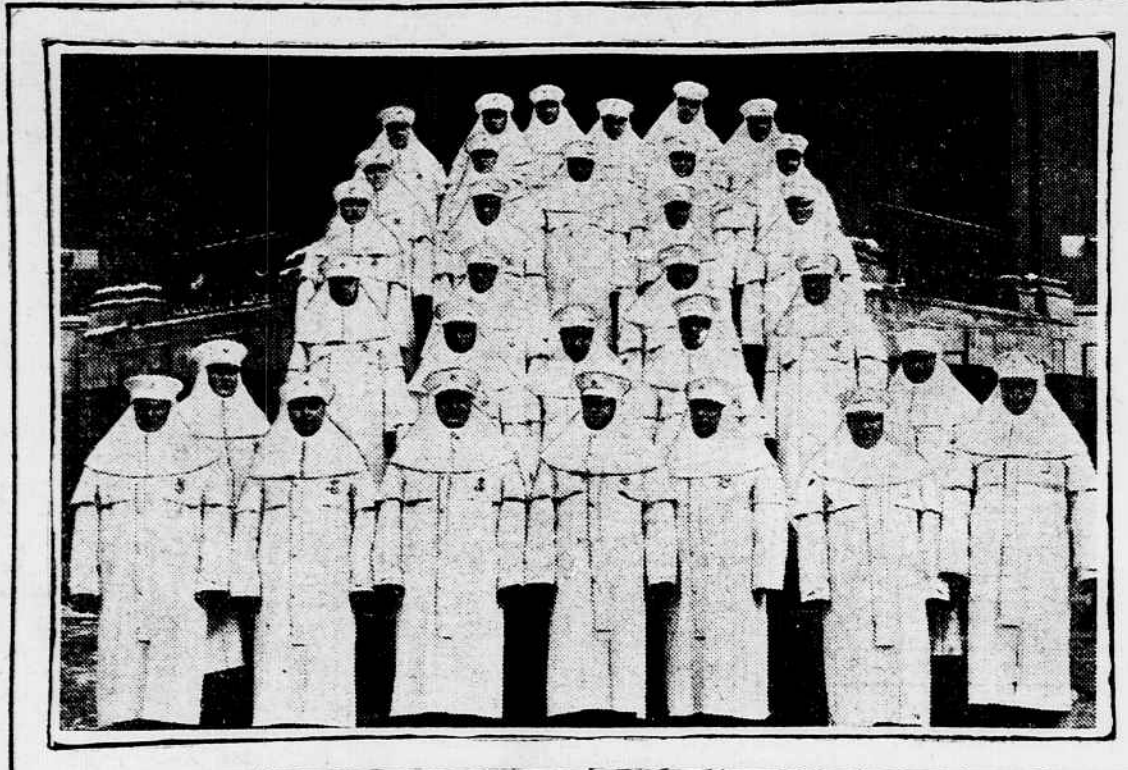
Aside from the route directions to all sections of the United States it gave its members, and its generous subscription to a fund for the improvement of the Washington-Richmond highway, the finest work the club did during the first year of its existence, say officials of the organization, was in providing visiting motorists with an adequate bureau of information and all of the numerous facilities and courtesies that motor clubs in other cities extend Washingtonians touring abroad. This service, they say, is of far more importance than the average motorist attaches to it, because practically every town and city in the United States has its motor club and these clubs are usually responsible for the improved and signmarked highways leading into their home towns and the signs of warning often encountered which point the way to avoid arrest for infractions of unfamiliar laws. This expense is incurred for the benefit of the brother motorists from distant parts, local motorists being familiar with local laws, and the man whose home club makes the way smooth for visitors expects equally good treatment when en route. The local club in behalf of Washington motorists last year played host to these visitors.

Until the organization of the A. A. A. District club was effected Washington motorists gave practically nothing in return for the many courtesies extended them while touring in other cities, said A. G. Butcher, chairman of the A. A. A. executive board. "They toured far and wide, returned home and enthusiastically told of the ribbon roads and the remarkably well-marked roads they had traveled over, and how an official of the club at San Francisco, St. Louis or Hartford had piloted them through the city and started them right on the road to the next town, when they had become confused, but it seldom occurs to the majority of motorists to provide for the other fellow when he comes to visit their home town."

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ganization the local club will be active in securing for motorists everywhere the benefits that would be conferred upon them in the passage of such measures as the Adamson bill, providing for interstate travel for unlimited periods upon a single registration tag, federal participation in roads building and the many other measures favorable to motor car users for which the A. A. A. contends.

"Locally the organization will seek to have improved and sign-marked all of the roads in this vicinity needing improvement and marking. The club's touring bureau, which is presided over by E. L. Ferguson, director of the national touring information depot, who is universally conceded to be the country's foremost touring authority, will provide its members with accurate directions for motoring over the best roads to any point at home or abroad, and make a specialty of charting unexplored territory and highways difficult to follow. This bureau will also be at the service of visiting motorists. Local legislative matters will have the attention of the advisory board."

**ROAD IN GOOD CONDITION.**  
Highway Between Washington and Fredericksburg, Va., Now Better.  
The road between Washington and Fredericksburg, Va., is in good condition, according to reports received by The Star a few days ago. Last Monday W. D. Reamy accompanied a party from Fredericksburg to this city via Dumfries in an Oldsmobile touring car weighing 5,000 pounds without passengers.

The motorists negotiated the trip without a single mishap in exactly three hours, which is considered good time, taking into account a portion of the road through Chapawamsic swamp, just south of Dumfries. The party left Fredericksburg at 1:20 o'clock and pulled into the National Capital at 4:20 in the afternoon.

In the rain through Chapawamsic swamp they were not bothered with the mud, although for about three miles they found the going rather rough at times. At one point below Occoquan they encountered a stretch of mud, which was avoided and the trip continued without any trouble.

# ORGANIZED CHAUFFEURS OPEN NEW HEADQUARTERS

Large Attendance of Members at Ceremonies—Address of Welcome by President Miller.

The new headquarters of the Professional Chauffeurs' Association at 1107 14th street northwest were opened last Monday evening with a large attendance of the members of the organization. Claude E. Miller delivered the opening address of welcome.

The other speakers of the evening included J. J. Haas, J. E. Connelly, Frank G. Fickling, J. E. Sullivan, Otto Jacob, Thornton Canfield, Norman Stinchcomb and N. F. Rosasco.

The formal decorations consisted of palms, ferns and cut flowers. The committee in charge of the decorations consisted of Messrs. Longstreet, Naughton and Hudgins. The reception committee was composed of Messrs. Bonner, Barry, Anser, Martin and Hands. Milton D. Smith presided and gave a brief review of the life of the association, stating that from fourteen members a little over three months ago it had grown up to the present to a total membership of 127.

# DEEP MUD ON ROADS.

Dan A. Keller Has Hard Auto Trip to Cumberland County, Virginia.

Dan A. Keller of Dillwyn, Cumberland county, Va., has arrived at his home following a strenuous trip from this city. After purchasing a new Metz touring car in the National Capital, he started for his home via Fairfax, Va. It was necessary to make a detour after leaving Fairfax, owing to a bridge having been washed away. He proceeded westward to Middleburg and The Plains, where he spent the night. At The Plains the citizens gathered

around him and advised him not to attempt to negotiate the road to Warren. However, he made the start and found road conditions as they had been predicted. The road was about four inches deep with mud for a distance of about nine miles. From Warren he drove to Opal, between which points he pulled through all sorts of roads, up hills, over rocks and through mud. In many places the road was bottomless. He saw a four-horse team mired.

In this same stretch he got stuck with his machine for a brief period, but with the aid of his son and a kindly disposed resident in that vicinity, in a buggy, put on skid chains and finished the trip without further delay. On arriving at Culpeper he was asked where he came from. When told the route he had followed from the National Capital the garagekeeper was amazed. Mr. Keller felt none the worse for his experience after his 150-mile drive through the Old Dominion.

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# BRIDGE TOLLS LOWERED BY MARYLAND SENATE

Rate Over Span Between Havre de Grace and Perryville Cut in Half.

At the session of the Maryland legislature which recently adjourned a bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 25 to 1 making a radical change in the toll rates over the bridge across the Susquehanna river between Havre de Grace and Perryville, Md. The new bill fixes the toll for automobiles at 50 cents for pleasure cars, as against \$1 formerly, and the sum of \$1 for motor trucks instead of \$3 for single trips.

The vote was taken at 4 o'clock on the morning of the adjournment, notwithstanding the fact that a strong lobby is said to have sought to prevent the passage of the bill. The rates provided for in the bill are to be in operation until the public

service commission can determine the reasonableness of the charges. It now has developed that within the past few days strong efforts have been made to have Gov. Harrington veto the bill. The bill, it is said, was put through after a desperate fight, the backers of the bill contending that the rates now charged by the bridge company are exorbitant and oppressive. It is contended that when the commission takes up the question of tolls the bridge company should be required to show cause why it should receive more than the rates allowed by the bill.

# Only One Bridge Charges More.

One of the adherents of the bill in the senate has said that, with the exception of this bridge, there is only one bridge in the country which charges more than 50 cents a single trip for automobiles, and that is two miles long, in Connecticut, where the charge is 60 cents. He says the charter of the Havre de Grace and Perryville bridge concern fixed the rates for traffic other than motor vehicles, which had not come into use at that time, and that the bridge company has used its liberty to fix rates on these vehicles extravagantly. He added that the company had issued \$500,000 of stock upon which no taxes are paid, although the Pennsylvania Railroad Company gave it the bridge outright.

Those who ask that the bill be vetoed argue that the fixing of rates is a matter for the public service commission; that all other measures fixing rates since the passage of the public service law have

been vetoed and that if the legislature is allowed to fix rates for utilities the service commission law will be vitiated and the legislature will have on its hands an old-time corporation fight.

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